



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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January 5, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor
FROM: Jerry E. Powers *JEP*
Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: HIGH PROFILE NOTICE; PLACEMENT YOUTH ISAIAH W.

This is to advise your Board of a high profile incident that occurred at the "Children Are Our Future" (CAOF) Kezio house. The Kezio house is located in Canoga Park.

Minor Isaiah W. was allegedly involved in an attempted robbery where he attempted to steal a victim's laptop computer. In the course of this alleged robbery, the victim's father confronted minor Isaiah W. and the minor dropped his backpack and ran. The minor's library ID card, which listed the Kezio address as his home address, was found in his backpack. The father called LAPD and a search warrant was issued based on this information.

At approximately 5 a.m. this morning, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Tactical Unit came to CAOF, Kezio site, to conduct a search. All youth and staff were removed from the house, handcuffed for their safety and identification purposes, and laid on the lawn. There were a total of four minors handcuffed, all Probation youth. The police surrounded the house and completed a thorough search. The only item the police took was an unauthorized cell phone of minor Isaiah W. Apparently, LAPD did not know that it was a group home they were searching and thought that it was the minor's home address.

Minor Isaiah W., (DOB: August 31, 1993) was sent to Placement from Camp on May 13, 2011, on a Change of Plan Petition (778). Minor was sent to placement because both parents are deceased and he required housing. Minor was scheduled to enroll in Bridges Transitional Housing Program this Tuesday. Minor Isaiah W. was arrested and booked for 459 P.C (burglary). He is currently being detained at LAPD Valley Jail Division as an adult.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Bureau Chief Dave Mitchell, Placement Services Bureau, at (562) 940-2663.

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- c: Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
- William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
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